

CLAIMS

1. (Thrice amended) An aqueous composition for oral use comprising:

a) an anti-odor and anti-plaque water insoluble extract of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*; and

b) a cationic surfactant,

~~e) a member of the group consisting of an oligosaccharide and a divalent metal cation wherein said oligosaccharide is selected from the group consisting of fructo oligosaccharides, soy oligosaccharides, and inulin, and wherein said divalent metal cation is selected from the group consisting of copper, zinc, selenium, calcium, and magnesium.~~

2. (original) An aqueous composition according to claim 1 having a pH less than about 5.

3. (previously amended). A composition according to claim 1 wherein said extract contains an anti-odor and anti-plaque active components selected from the group consisting of glabrans, lychaleones, glycyrrhizic acid, glycyrrhetic acid, and other flavonoids and coumarins.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said cationic surfactant comprises a pyridinium compound.

7. (original) A composition according to claim 6 wherein said pyridinium compound comprises cetyl pyridinium chloride.

8 - 35 (cancelled)

36. (previously amended) A method for reducing plaque formation in tooth enamel, dentine, and soft tissue in the oral cavity comprising the step of contacting said enamel, dentine and tissue within an anti-plaque reducing effective amount of a composition according to claim

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